

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

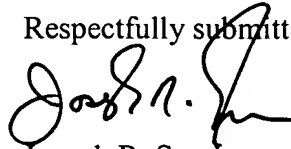
Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 41-75 will be pending in this application and presented for examination. The new set of claims substantially correspond to the claims sent forward in response to the Written Opinion during the International Phase of the PCT.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, early examination on the merits is respectfully requested. I believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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